CLAIMS

1.　A method for the display of text passages relevant to the solution of a task by using a screen and at least one data memory for electronically stored text passages; wherein upon entering a combination of search criteria visual representations of the combination of search criteria (B, S, T) and of the text passages (bit, *fff*), relevant to such combination are displayed on the screen, the
10　visual representation of the combination of search criteria (B, S, T) being displayed in the centre of the screen and said usual representations of the text passages being arranged on the screen concentrically around the usual representation of the combination of the search criteria (B, S, T), with the radial distances of the visual representation of the individual text passages (bit, *fff*) from the visual representation
15　of the combination of search criteria (B, T, S) showing their relevance to the combination of the search criteria.

2.　A method according to claim 1, wherein sectors of the screen are attributed to the individual search criteria (B, S, T), with the visual representations of
20　individual text passages (bit, *fff*) being displayed on the screen in the sectors of that search criterion (B, S, T) for which they are most relevant.

3.　A method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the visual representations of the passages (bit, *fff*) are displayed on the screen in two or three
25　dimensions.

4.　A method according to claim 2 or 3 wherein a radial line is displayed extending from each of the visual representations of the search criterion (B, S, T) displayed in the centre of the screen with the visual representations of the text
30　passages (bit, *fff*) relevant to an individual one of the search criteria (B, S, T) being shown adjacent the corresponding radial line.

5.   A method according to claim 4, wherein the visual representations of those text passages (bit, *fff*) which are relevant to two of the search criteria (B, S, T) are shown in sectors of the screen delimited by the radial lines corresponding to the two search criteria (B, S, T).

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6.   A method according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein visual representations of a plurality of criteria relevant to the solution of the task and subcriteria attributed to them are shown on the screen.

10   7.   A method according to claim 6, wherein also visual representations of subcriteria of a lower level of hierarchy attributed to each of the subcriteria are arranged radially around the visual representations of the subcriteria.

8.   A method according to claim 7, characterised by the fact the visual representations of the subcriteria of the lower level of the hierarchy are arranged
15   around the visual representation of the respective superior criterion on the screen in a three-dimensional radial order.

9.   A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the
20   distance between each of the representations of text passages and the centre of the screen increases as the number of search criteria to which that text passage is relevant decreases.